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## PENNSYLVANIA VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

**HARRISBURG**— Pennsylvania's vegetable farmers harvested 15,800 acres of sweet corn for fresh market in 1999 with production totaling 695,000 cwt. This is 32 percent less than the 1998 production for fresh market. Average value of fresh market sweet corn was \$23.50 per cwt., 10¢ per cwt. more than the price received in 1998. Production for processed sweet corn amounted to 13,370 tons, a decrease of 26 percent from 1998's production. The average value for processed sweet corn decreased from \$82.30 per ton in 1998 to \$67.60 per ton in 1999.

**Nationally**, 242,300 acres of sweet corn was harvested for fresh market in 1999 and 466,800 acres were harvested for processing. Fresh market production totaled 27.2 million cwt. and was valued at \$16.80 per cwt. Processing production totaled 3.3 million tons in 1999 with an average value of \$71.10 per ton. Fifty-three percent of the processing production was utilized for canning and 47 percent was for freezing.

**Pennsylvania's** 1999 fresh market tomato production was estimated at 570,000 cwt., up 8 percent from 1998. Area harvested was 3,800 acres. The average value was \$25.50 per cwt. Pennsylvania's production of tomatoes for processing was 31,500 tons, down 7 percent from a year ago. Total acreage harvested was 1,400. The average value per ton increased from \$80.00 in 1998 to \$78.00 in 1999.

**United States'** production of fresh market tomatoes was 35.5 million cwt. in 1999, 9 percent more than in 1998. Area harvested was 131,680 acres. Average value of tomatoes for fresh market was \$25.90 per cwt. Production of tomatoes for processing was 12.8 million tons. Harvested acreage was 350,410 compared with 299,960 in 1998. Average value per ton was \$71.10 in 1999.

**In Pennsylvania**, 7,600 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 1999. Total production was 16,640 tons with an average value of \$209.00 per ton. Strawberry production for fresh market and processing was 52,000 cwt., harvested from 1,300 acres. Average value per cwt. was \$105.00.

At the **U.S.** level, 212,150 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 1999. Total production increased from 724,230 to 778,430 tons. Canning utilized 528,120 tons of the production. Average value increased from \$170.00 per ton in 1998 to \$173.00 in 1999. U.S. strawberry production in 1999 was 18.1 million cwt., 11 percent increase from 1998. Acreage harvested was 45,560; the average value per cwt. was \$61.70.

**Pennsylvania's** 1999 fresh market cabbage production was estimated at 281,000 cwt. Area harvested was 1,700 acres. The average value was \$13.30 per cwt. Pennsylvania's cantaloupe production for fresh market was 120,000 cwt. Total acreage harvested was 1,000. The average value per cwt. was \$16.00 in 1999.

**Nationally**, 74,850 acres of cabbage were harvested for fresh market in 1999. Fresh market production totaled 22.1 million cwt. and was valued at \$10.60 per cwt. U.S. fresh market cantaloupe production totaled 23.0 million cwt. in 1999 with an average value of \$17.10 per cwt. There were 109,650 acres harvested.